

TEXT OF CLAIMS AND AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11-14.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A cleaning system for the removal of coagulant residue from ceramic or porcelain formers comprising:

- a) a first bath (a) comprising an aqueous solution comprising EDTA, wherein said EDTA is present at from 0.1 to 30 percent by weight; and
- b) a second bath (c) comprising an aqueous solution of from 0.5 to 15 weight percent of one or more cleaning agents selected from the group consisting of EDTA, detergent, and base.

2. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath further comprises from 0.25 to 7.5 percent by weight of at least one detergent, 0.01 to 10 percent by weight of at least one base, or a combination thereof.

3. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said base in both baths (a) and (c) comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, or a mixture thereof.

4. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 2 wherein said base in both baths (a) and (c) comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, or a mixture thereof.

5. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said EDTA in both

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baths (a) and (c) is present as an aqueous solution of ammonium EDTA, sodium EDTA, or a combination thereof.

6. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 further comprising a third bath (b) located between the first and the second baths, wherein said third bath comprises water.

7. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 further comprising a fourth bath (d) located after the second bath (c), wherein said third bath comprises water.

8. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath comprises from 0.5 to 15 percent by weight of EDTA.

9. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath comprises from 1 to 10 percent by weight of EDTA.

10. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein each bath has a temperature of from 30°C to 80°C.

11. (canceled) ~~A method for cleaning a mold or former for forming a latex article, wherein said method comprises:~~

~~a) immersing said mold or former into a cleaning bath comprising EDTA;~~

~~b) optionally immersing said mold or former into at least one water bath;~~

~~c) optionally immersing said mold or former into a second cleaning bath comprising an aqueous solution of from 0.5 to 15 weight percent of one or more cleaning agents selected from the group consisting of EDTA, detergent, and base; and~~

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~~d) optionally immersing said mold or former into a final water bath.~~

~~12. (canceled) The method of claim 11 wherein each cleaning and water bath has a temperature of from 30°C to 80°C.~~

~~13. (canceled) The method of claim 12 wherein each immersion into said cleaning and water baths has a duration of from 3 to 60 seconds.~~

~~14. (canceled) The method of claim 13 wherein each immersion into said cleaning and water baths has a duration of from 5 to 20 seconds.~~

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